

# SENATE . . . . . No. 294

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide substance abuse awareness education in schools.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00383 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
- 2   contrary, the department of education shall establish an education program for all middle school
- 3   children in the Commonwealth whereby said children receive a minimum of five hours of
- 4   substance abuse and addiction awareness education during each middle school year.